

**ALLOUEZ PARKS, RECREATION, & FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 26TH, 2026 AT 5:30 P.M.
ALLOUEZ VILLAGE HALL, 1900 LIBAL STREET**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Mark Seidl

Present: Marc Seidl, Jason Mathwig, Gerry Faller, Fritz Schmidt, Rob Atwood, Keith Leiterman (arrived at 5:33pm)

Also Present: Chris Clark, Emily Poh

ELECTION OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND FORESTRY COMMITTEE CHAIR

F. Schmidt moved to elect Gerry Faller as Committee Chair. R. Atwood seconded the motion. Motion passed.

MODIFY / ADOPT AGENDA

J. Mathwig moved to adopt the agenda as presented. F. Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 28, 2026 MINUTES

R. Atwood moved to approve the minutes dated April 28, 2026. F. Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion passed.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Pooches and Pints Summer Kickoff – June 11th at Green Isle Park from 4pm – 8pm
- b. Allouezfest – June 14th at Green Isle Park from 10am – 3pm

INFORMATION: UPDATES ON DISCUSSION ITEMS AND PROJECTS

- a. Updates on park projects and maintenance items.
 - Staff maintenance items
 - Grass cutting
 - Athletic field prep and maintenance
 - Park cleaning and maintenance
 - Tree planting
 - Memorial bench installations
 - Facility maintenance
 - Urban forestry intern – updating street and park tree inventory

DISCUSSION/ACTION: OPTIMIST PARK PLAYGROUND ADDITION RESIDENT CONCERNS

The Miracle League of Green Bay received a substantial donation for the utilization of improvements at Optimist Park. The Miracle League worked with Village staff and determined that outdoor musical percussion instruments would be a good addition to the playground, fit the space, and are within the donation amount. Park neighbors were concerned with the new musical pieces and other noise making items at the playground at Optimist Park.

Lisa Kay Sperbeck, 425 Kalb Ave.

- Concerned with current musical bells creating noise.
- Is worried that the new percussion pieces will cause issues. Requesting no additional noise making items at the park.
- Doesn't feel that noise making items should be part of a playground within a residential neighborhood.
- Were other options considered for the addition to the playground?

Todd and Lori Flagstad, 433 Kalb Ave.

- Enjoy the park and the Miracle League. Have lived on Kalb Street before the Village and Miracle League began development of the park in 2007.
- Ringing bell on the green slide near Kalb Street is very loud and annoying.
- Concerned that additional noise making items will also be an annoyance.
- Flashing lights from the playground are on all of the time.
- Would be nice if notified about improvements at the park.

Gary Rogaczewski, Executive Director of the Miracle League

- Received a donation from LaForce in the amount of \$34,000.
- Toured several other community park locations in the area to view potential items to add to the playground. Determined the percussion musical items were a good option due to the uniqueness, within the donation amount, require less space, and overall cost.
- The concrete and installation were also donated to the Miracle League for this project.
- All Miracle League participants are accompanied by adults while at the park and playground.

C. Clark

- Has worked with Lisa over the past several years attempting to resolve her concerns at the park including quieting measures with the Ring a Bell, placing a timer on the flashing lights game, and planting screening trees around the playground.
- Was unaware of the bell issues on the green slide near the street. Will look into that particular issue right away.
- The percussion musical instruments have been purchased, are in possession of, and awaiting installation prior to Miracle League opening day which is June 6th.
- The literature for the instruments says the decibel levels are around 65 decibels at 50 meters (165 feet). The street is over 200 feet from the installation location.
- Comparison noises to 65 decibels are things such as normal conversations, laughter, a running dishwasher, and a running air conditioner unit.
- Village code noise level limits are around 60 decibels at the property boundary.
- Village Code Compliance Department has the ability to test the noise levels.

Discussion:

- What are some options to do with the instruments?
 - Do not install
 - Install and determine if issues (test sound) and remove if necessary
 - Inquire with the vendor about a possible return of items
- Could equipment be placed in another park? The donation was for additional items to go to the Miracle League at Optimist Park.
- Appropriate decibel levels.
- There is a growing need for sensory playgrounds and equipment like this.
- Possibly add a sound buffer/structure to deflect noise. Concerns from a security/safety standpoint.
- The Village will make improvements to parks from time to time.

R. Atwood moved to proceed with the installation of the musical instruments at Optimist Park subject to compliance with village code decibel regulations. M. Seidl seconded the motion. Motion passed.

REPORT: RECREATION PROGRAM UPDATES

Emily Poh, Recreation Supervisor, provided a report on current and upcoming recreation programs and events.

- Summer camp
 - 10 week camp at Green Isle Park
 - 50 youth campers per week
 - 500 registrations with multiple waitlists
- Youth programs
 - Tennis lessons
 - Dance recital
 - Youth poms
 - YEL! programs
- Pickleball leagues
 - Beginner – 10 teams
 - Intermediate – 8 teams
 - Possible fall league
- Bus trips
 - Strawberry Fest
 - Milwaukee Brewers
 - Lake Geneva Boat Tour
- Special Events
 - Pooches & Pints
 - Music in the Park
 - Movie in the Park
- Senior events & programs
 - Prevea Health – free presentation
 - Lifelong Learning Institute
 - Halloween dinner/dance
 - Valentine’s dinner/dance
 - Holiday gala

- Sport groups and field usage
 - Miracle League (Optimist Park)
 - NEW All-Star League (Optimist Park)
 - Rise Up Athletics (Green Isle Park)
 - Tri-County Senior Softball (Green Isle Park)
 - Allouez Anchors (Broadview SC)
 - FC Wisconsin (Broadview SC)
 - Gridiron Football (Broadview SC)
 - GRACE League (Broadview SC)
 - Parochial Soccer Tournament (Broadview SC)
 - Allouez Girls Softball (Riverview Park)
 - Uncle Charlie's Tournaments (Riverview Park)
 - Notre Dame of De Pere (Wiese Park)
 - United Soccer (Kiwanis Park)
 - Green Bay Youth Baseball (Webster Park)
 - Future Tritons Baseball (Webster Park)
 - Allouez Buccaneers Football (Webster Park)
- Marketing updates

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- None

ADJOURNMENT

R. Atwood moved to adjourn at 6:51 PM. K. Leiterman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Minutes taken by Chris Clark, Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry